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We favor a tariff for revenue limited to the necessities of the Government economically administered, and so adjusted in its application as to prevent unequal burdens, to encourage productive industries at home, afford a just compensation to labor, but not to create, or foster monopolies.—Ohio Democratic Platform, June 21st.

THE PROGRESS OF TEMPERANCE REFORM.

The progress of temperance reform must necessarily be slow; it requires a thorough revolution in public sentiment, and that can be accomplished only after the lapse of time. It must come gradually and attempts to produce a sudden or radical change will always prove abortive. The crusade against intemperance that has been carried on more or less vigorously for a number of years has accomplished but little towards the suppression of drunkenness, but it has inaugurated a reform and coming generations will reap its benefits. Temperance societies are generally failures, pledges are signed but to be broken, and prohibition laws are of questionable effect. Movements like that inaugurated by Francis Murphy sweep the country like a cyclone, but their rigidity is soon over and little is left to prove that they ever existed. All of these things, however, indicate that the public mind is awake to the evils of drunkenness and their repeated occurrence, growing in force and intensity, will finally accomplish the great end at which they all are aimed.

To our way of thinking the attacks on this monster vice have mostly been made in the wrong direction. The war is aimed too much at the whisky dealer while the real culprit, the drunkard, is in a manner lionized. The rum-seller is never too good for the vilest virtuoso, while the beastly drunkard is treated as a victim of an innocent and a slight promise to eschew his evil habits he is immediately converted into a hero. That is not the way to mold public sentiment. It is the assassin who stands in the dark that is to be condemned and not the merchant who sold him his dirk or the smith who forged it. The act of selling liquor is not in itself a crime, but drunkenness is, and the law should punish it as such. Under the present state of public sentiment such laws would be ineffectual if not impossible; the temperance apostles should seek to make drunkenness disreputable, and then the law could make it a crime. There can be no doubt that drunkenness does more harm to society and is more injurious in its effects on mankind than any other vice. When the ignominy that is attached to larceny comes to be attached to drunkenness then the law can provide the same punishment for the two offenses with equal certainty of its being enforced. But as long as it is only a joke for gentlemen to get drunk, or at most, a pitiable weakness to be condoned and smiled at, so long will the vice exist and so long will all efforts at reform be futile.

But as great an evil as drunkenness is to-day, and as lightly as the offense is now regarded, there has been greater progress in reform and a greater change in public sentiment than is generally believed. Some of the progress that we will remember when the hospitable decanter always greeted the welcome guest, and it is only of late years that tipping has been relegated to secret places, and the screen has become a necessary appendage of the bar-room. In early days drinking was not only a reputable social custom, but it was highly respectable to get "dead drunk." Then the prodigious bout of manliness was to be "unmatched at the bottle, unconquered in war."

It seems strange to us that Christian people should have ever sanctioned such practices and extreme indulgences as were then engaged in, and it is stranger still that our roistering ancestors should sometimes have mingled such degrading habits with their devotions. Longfellow tells us that King Olaf while keeping Christmas at Drongheim, "For his drinking had on the night, He made of the cross a sign, As he drank and merrily his prayers."

The following Bechamnan rhyme would hardly be recognized as the work of a Christian priest, but it was no less a person than the chaplain of King Henry II of England, Walter Map, who penned them. Such sentiments in these days would not be tolerated and could only be regarded as approaching the sacrilegious. We quote the lines to prove that drinking was then looked on in much more favorable light than now. This is the way in which that pious preacher expressed himself:

"In a tavern late the when I came journeying, Be the wine cup brought to me my soul's friend, That the holy chalice above it over me benedict, Well truly drank the drinker stout when he to God commendeth."

"Brightest souls in heaven above have by some of the golden thriven, Sons of heaven with noble strain to roam above the earth, Sweeter tastes my wine to me in a tavern given. Than the Bishop's pious tale, well with water driven."

At a much later period than the one in which King Olaf or Mapes lived drinking was held in high repute and "the drinker stout" was quite a hero. It was fashionable as late as the 17th century to engage in drinking tournaments, and the man who stood up the longest at one of these bouts was a great champion. These contests were very popular at a time somewhat earlier than the date mentioned and were held between respectable representatives of rival cities, counties and even nations. The great Shakespeare engaged in a drinking tournament with a party of young men on Avon against another party from a neighboring town. The following story of a famous whistle

is told by Burns as a prefix to a poem on the subject:

"In the town of Anne of Denmark, when she came to Scotland with our James the Sixth, there came over also a Danish gentleman of gigantic stature and great prowess, and a matchless champion of Bacchus. He had a little ebony whistle which at the commencement of the orgies he laid on the table, and whoever was last able to blow it, everybody else being disabled by the potency of the bottle, was the victor. The Dane produced credentials of his victories without a single defeat, at the courts of Copenhagen, Stockholm, Moscow, Warsaw, and several of the petty courts in Germany; and challenged the Scotch Bachelors to the alternative of trying his prowess, or else of acknowledging their inferiority. After many overthrows on the part of the Scots, the Dane was encountered by Sir Robert Lawrie of Maxwellton, ancestor of the present viceroy of that name; who, after three days and nights' hard contest, left the Scandinavian under the table."

And blow the whistle his requiem shrill, Sir Walter, son of Sir Robert before mentioned, afterwards lost the Whistle to Walter Riddell, of Glenriddel, who had married a sister of Sir Walter's. On Friday, the 16th of October, 1790, at Friars-Garse, the Whistle was once more contended for, as related in the battle by the present Sir Robert Lawrie of Maxwellton; Robert Riddell, Esq., of Glenriddel, lineal descendant and representative of Walter Riddell, who won the Whistle, and in whose family it had continued; and Alexander Ferguson, Esq., of Craigdarroch, likewise descended of the great Sir Robert; which last gentleman carried off the hard-won honors of the field."

All of these quotations that we have made go to show that there has been a great change in public sentiment on this subject within the last century and though drunkenness is still lightly condemned it is much less respectable than it formerly was. We believe that the day will come when it will be as disgraceful to get drunk as it is to steal, and the workers in the temperance cause should direct their efforts towards speeding that happy time. Drunkenness must be made disreputable before effective work can ever be done towards temperance reform.

BEASLEY'S INJUNCTION.

John R. Beasley, late Greenback candidate for Governor, of Tennessee, has been threatening for some time to enjoin the 50-3 act of the last Legislature. He attempted to put the threat into execution the other day by filing an application for an injunction with Judge Jack Williams, of Winchester, the same judge who granted the injunction against the 100-3 act. Judge Jack was not in such an enjoining mood this time, however, and declined to grant the fiat. Beasley didn't give up the game with one attempt, though; he took his application, along with Judge Williams' reasons for declining it, to Nashville and filed them in the Chancery Court there.

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TENNESSEE TALK.

Vanderbilt University Park is open to visitors.

A military company has been organized in Milan.

Gadsden shipped 15,000 crates of strawberries this season.

Haley's Station, Bedford county, will soon have a cheese factory in operation.

The country around Union City and Hickman ships 150,000,000 feet of lumber annually.

Mr. Kinslow, late of Hugginsboro, Pa., has purchased the Jonesboro Journal.

Some substantial brick business houses are being erected in the burnt out district in Shelbyville.

The Knoxville Tribune thinks there will be 500 students at the Tennessee University next year.

The Brownsboro Democrat says the four-mile law is practically inoperative in that city.

Thirty-five new business buildings and a number of private residences are being built in Chattanooga.

The Guardian says Tallahoma is growing rapidly—spreading herself like a green bay tree.

The indebtedness of Mary Sharpe College is being liquidated by private subscriptions of the citizens of Winchester.

Mrs. Liddle Graham, wife of Maj. John W. Graham, died at her home in Stewart county on the 21st of June.

The Dover Courier calls the attention of the Stewart County Court to the dilapidated condition of the court house in that place.

A correspondent of the Dover Courier from Tobacco Port says the wheat crop has turned out very differently in that section.

The Trenton Globe is tackling Judge Biggs of the Gibson county court very vigorously on his management of county finances.

Cleveland celebrated the glorious fourth with a grand barbecue, free to all and arrangements to feed 10,000 people.

Another telephone from Nashville to Murfreesboro by a different route from that already built is contemplated.

The city authorities of Tallahoma are enforcing the ordinance against the erection of frame buildings. A burnt town dreads the fire.

The Danville News had one page of its last week's issue filled with a flaming advertisement of the 4th of July celebration at that place.

The last rail on the road connecting Memphis with Kansas City will be laid soon, only fifteen miles are to be completed.

The sales of spot cotton in Memphis on the 20th were 2,350 bales, exceeding the sales at New Orleans by 1,550 bales.

The amount of Torbett issue of the Bank of Tennessee to be taken up with the treasury certificates, to be redeemed annually for the next five years, is \$271,688.

The municipal authorities of Memphis have determined to rigidly enforce the Sunday law, and orders have been issued to the police to close all the back as well as front doors of saloons.

If the Tennessee papers that are now making such industrious war on the "arna clouting" business want their fierce philippics on the subject read by the girls they should put them along with the marriages, etc.

Tallahoma Guardian: So far as we can learn there will be scarcely half a crop of wheat made in this county, on an average. A few crops here and there are very fine and the yield excellent, but generally it is bad.

The Hurricane woolen mill, Humphreys county, consumes 800 pounds of wool per week, and turns out 250 yards of jeans per day. The blankets made there are durable and of excellent quality.

The Clerk and Master at Nashville a few days ago sold \$3,000,000 in Confederate war bonds belonging to the Bank of Tennessee, for \$6,000,000. The 8. Marr being the purchaser for foreign speculators.

Col. Robert I. Chester, of Jackson, Tenn., is probable the oldest living man. He was initiated at Carthage, in this State, in 1817. He is 90 years old, very hale and writes without glasses. He has filled most of all the offices in the Grand Lodge in Tennessee.

Gallatin Examiner: Sales of three car loads of potatoes Thursday at \$1.15. We hope for an advance next week. The quality is good and the yield will be heavy. We are glad that many of our growers still let them grow and do not hurry too much in digging too early.

The Memphis Appeal reports an alarming increase in the number of applications of friends of insane persons for admittance to the poor house. The number ranges from three to six a day, but as no provision has yet been made for them by the county, they are refused admittance.

Shelbyville Commercial: Mr. Martin Ellis brought into our office last week a sample of a forty acre field of timothy, the finest we ever saw. One bunch of it measured four feet five inches in height and the heads were from eight to twelve inches in length.

Jackson Tribune and Sun: Mr. Samuels bought a poor and desolate tract of land at Harrisburg, or Meliss, five miles south of Jackson about two years ago. He planted this poor land in vines and fruit trees and this year realized a big profit. The result is that many thousands fruit trees and vines have been planted in that section of Madison county. Put a good industrial North in a farmer in any neighborhood of West Tennessee and he will revolutionize that neighborhood in the interest of enterprising and aggressive farming. Hence it is that the Tribune and Sun is giving so much thought and effort to immigration.

THE TRADE DOLLAR.

Nashville American.

We cannot see how there is any decent way out of the trade dollar dilemma to the Government, except to call them in and redeem them.

Under the act which authorized their coinage they were originally coined for depositors of silver bullion at the mints and a charge imposed for refining at not to exceed the actual cost of manufacture to the Government. Any owner of silver bullion upon which there could have it coined into trade dollars. They were not issued or paid out by the Government in the payment of obligations or exchanged for other money, and it is true the Government undertook to keep the fraud in new and proper channel, but it did not succeed. Immense quantities from ignorance of the law have been taken in ordinary business transactions. Now there appears to be no remedy for the trouble unless Congress legislate upon the matter, and that it certainly ought to do as soon as it meets. The authorization of the coinage was a blunder, as many of the recent currency regulations have been. The innocent should not suffer for the stupidity of the agents of the Government, and the proper thing for Congress to do is to repair the mischief by calling the bogus dollars in and redeeming them into half dollars that are not a lie.

When To Bathe.

The London Lancet gives some timely hints about beginning out of door bathing. If the water be chilly, it says, or there be a cold wind so that the body may be rapidly cooled at the surface while undressing, it is not safe to bathe.

Under such conditions the further the immersion the more danger will take place at the moment when the reaction consequent upon the chill of exposure by undressing ought to occur, and this second chill will not only delay or altogether prevent the reaction, but will result in a more severe stimulus to a depressant, ending in the abstraction of a large amount of animal heat and congestion of the internal organs and nerve centres. The actual temperature of the water does not affect the question so much as its relative temperature as compared with that of the surrounding air. The aim must be to avoid two chills; first, from the air, and second, from the water. To be sure that the body is in such a condition as to secure a quick reaction on emerging from the water, without suffering much on the possible effect of friction by rubbing. It will be obvious,